(b) if so, whether these aspects would be brought into the National Mineral Policy, 2007;

(c) if so, the details of the policy measures approved;

(d) whether the policy has taken any stand regarding the idea of imposing export duty on export of iron; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) to (e) National Mineral Policy, 2007 which includes policy proposals on the need for time-bound grant of mineral concessions, setting up of independent tribunal, etc. is under consideration of the Government.

Survey of mineral resources in Rajasthan

2170. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Geological Survey of India has carried out survey of mineral resources in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether it has identified those mineral resources which have depleted fast and untapped areas deserving exploration;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India has identified fast depleting minerals and untapped areas deserving exploration in Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) Gold, copper-lead-zinc and phosphorite have been identified as minerals which have limited reserves and are fast depleting. In Rajasthan, untapped areas for gold are located in Udaipur, Banswara, Ajmer and Bhilwara districts; for copper in Dausa, Sikar, Jhunjhunu and Rajsamand districts; for lead-zinc in Udaipur district and phosphorite in

Banswara district. Regional exploration is being carried out in these areas by GSI.

National Institute of Rock Mechanics

2171. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Rock Mechanics, Kolar has undertaken 36 new externally funded projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cost of each project and present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. National Institute of Rock Mechanics (NIRM) has undertaken 36 externally funded projects in the year 2005-06.

(b) and (c) Details of the projects are given as under:

Sl. No.	Project No.	Project Sponsored by	Project Cost Rs. in lakhs	Current Status (Feb. 2007)
1	2	3	4	5
1	GC0501C	Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd.	2.90	Completed
2	GC0502C	-do-	6..00	Completed
3	GC0503C	-do-	6..00	In progress
4	GC0504C	-do-	6..00	In progress
5	GC0505C	-do-	4.90	In progress
6	GC0506C	-do-	5.35	Completed
7	GC0507C	-do-	5.35	Completed
8	GC0510C	-do-	13.65	In progress
9	GC0511C	-do-	3.50	Completed
10	RB0502C	-do-	3.00	Completed
11	NM0501C	Tala Hydroelectric Project Authority Bhutan	38.60	Completed
12	NM0502C	-do-	6.40	Completed
13	NM0502C	-do-	6.06	Completed
14	RB0506C	-do-	6.50	Completed
15	GE0501C	National Hydro Power Corporation Ltd.	11.75	Completed
16	GE0509C	-do-	11.00	In progress